

282—15.1(272) Special education teaching endorsements.**15.1(1) Program requirements.**

- a. Baccalaureate or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- b. Completion of an approved human relations component.
- c. Completion of the exceptional learner program, which must include preparation that contributes to the education of individuals with disabilities and the talented and gifted.
- d. Professional education core. Refer to 282—paragraphs 14.123(4) “a” through “j.”
- e. Completion of pre-student teaching field-based experiences in special education.
- f. Student teaching. Each applicant for an Iowa license with a special education instructional endorsement must file evidence of completing an approved student teaching program in special education. This experience must be full-time in an approved special education classroom. An approved special education classroom is one which is recognized by the state in terms of the respective state rules for special education.

This special education student teaching experience shall qualify for each special education instructional endorsement sought on an original application for Iowa licensure if at the same grade level.

15.1(2) Adding special education instructional endorsements to Iowa licenses. After the issuance of a practitioner license, an individual may add other special education instructional endorsements to that license upon proper application provided current requirements for the endorsement(s) have been met. However, if an applicant is seeking to add a special education instructional endorsement at the same level, elementary or secondary, as other endorsements held, the student teaching component set out in the rules for added endorsement areas is not required.

However, if the applicant holds the K-8 special education endorsement for the 5-12 endorsement area being added, the applicant may satisfy the requirements for the secondary methods class and the student teaching experience by completing all the required coursework and presenting verification of competence of teaching a minimum of two years while properly licensed. This verification of competence shall be signed by a licensed evaluator who has observed and formally evaluated the performance of the applicant at the secondary level.